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SUBJ: HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN ECE

REF: (A) STATE 63400; (B) BRUSSELS 4678

1. MISSION OFFICER MET MARCH 13 WITH EC COMMISSION
OFFICIAL KAWAN TO CONVEY ORALLY POINTS ON POSSIBLE HIGH-
LEVEL MEETING (HLM) ON ENVIRONMENT CONTAINED REF (A).
KAWAN, WHO LEFT FOR COREPER DISCUSSION ON HLM IMMEDIATELY
AFTER MEETING WITH MISSION OFFICER, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
FOR TIMELY USG REPLY TO HIS QUESTIONS (REF B).
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2. IN RESPONSE TO MISSION OFFICER'S QUERY, KAWAN
OFFERED CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION OFFICIAL ZITO'S
REMARKS (PARA 2 REF B) CONCERNING TIMING OF DECISION ON
HOLDING AN ENVIRONMENT HLM. KAWAN SAID THAT EC ALSO
FAVORS TAKING DECISION IN PRINCIPLE DURING NEXT MONTH'S
ECE PLENARY ON WHETHER OR NOT TO HOLD ENVIRONMENT HLM,

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WITH FINAL DECISIONS ON SUBSTANCE AND TIMING TO BE TAKEN
AT THE APRIL 1979 ECE PLENARY.

3. KAWAN ALSO SAID THAT HE WISHED TO BRING TO USG
ATTENTION THE COMMISSION'S CONCERN OVER WHAT HE TERMED
"STRONG PRESSURE" NOW BEING APPLIED ON ECE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY STANOVNIK BY EAST EUROPEANS, AIMED AT ADDITION
OF PROPOSED ENERGY CONFERENCE TO AGENDA FOR NEXT MONTH'S
PLENARY. KAWAN INDICATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO COREPER
THAT EC LET EAST EUROPEANS KNOW BEFORE THE PLENARY THAT
SUCH PRESSURE IN UNACCEPTABLE, THAT THE COMMUNITY IS
PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN A "BUSINESS AS USUAL" PLENARY,
INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENT HLM, BUT THAT
IT WILL NOT STAND FOR THE EAST'S SEEKING TO OBTAIN AT
GENEVA (ON AN ENERGY CONFERENCE) WHAT IT HAD NOT BEEN
ABLE TO OBTAIN IN BELGRADE. KAWAN SAID THAT HE DID NOT
KNOW HOW MEMBER STATES WOULD REACT IN COREPER BUT THAT HE
DID WANT USG TO BE AWARE OF COMMISSION'S VIEWS ON THE
MATTER. MORRIS
UNQUOTE VANCE

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